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WHITE HOUSE FOR AARON

NAIROBI FOR HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MOPS, ET, SO
SUBJ: REPORTS ON CAPTURED AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0667

1. SEVERAL TIMES DURING MEETING OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL
EMISSARY AARON WITH CHAIRMAN MENGISTU AND FOREIGN MINISTER
FELLEKE, US SIDE REPEATED OUR FIRM INTENTION TO COOPERATE
IN INVESTIGATING ORIGIN AND TRANSFER OF ALLEGEDLY AMERICAN-
MADE MILITARY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED FROM SOMALIS. EPMG WAS
URGED TO SUPPLY SERIAL NUMBERS, AND ITS OFFER TO SHOW MILI-
TARY EQUIPMENT TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL WAS SEIZED UPON READILY.

2. IN ORDER TO START BUILDING SOME CREDIBILITY WITH EPMG,
WE SHOULD PROVIDE PROMPT ANSWER TO THEIR FIRST REPORT RE-
GARDING EQUIPMENT, SERIAL NUMBERS OF WHICH WERE CONVEYED
TO WASHINGTON REFTEL OVER A WEEK AGO. IF DEFINITIVE ANSWER
IS NOT YET POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE FOR AN
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INTERIM ONE. APPARENT HEDGING ON OUR PART WILL BEGIN TO ERODE
BETTER USG-EPMG UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM
SPECIAL EMISSARY'S TRIP. ON OTHER HAND, WILLINGNESS TO
ADMIT SOME MATERIAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED ILLEGALLY -- AS
ANOTHER REPORT SUGGESTS -- SHOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR EARNESTNESS
AND ACTUALLY BUILD ON GOODWILL GENERATED BY THE VISIT.
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